

# IAC BULLETIN

Updates from the MDH Office of Internal Controls and Audit Compliance



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## MDH introduces the IAC

On August 3, 2021, MDH established the Office of Internal Controls and Audit Compliance (IAC), a new departmental office tasked with helping to ensure that MDH operational units comply with legal, regulatory, and policy requirements, and promptly address internal control weaknesses identified in audits or other reviews. The IAC divisions include Audit Follow-Up, Audit Liaison, Compliance and Privacy, the Institutional Review Board, and Operations, Technology, and Risk Assessment. The IAC was created to manage certain responsibilities previously handled by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), which has transformed due to recent legislation.



## What does the IAC do?

The IAC performs the following for MDH:

- Serves as liaison between MDH units and the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) and all other external audit organizations
- Conducts follow-up reviews of audit-related corrective actions
- Receives and reviews allegations regarding employee conduct and other compliance issues
- Tracks and reports on MDH compliance with secondary employment and financial disclosure requirements
- Receives and reviews potential violations of the MDH privacy policy and the Health Information Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Coordinates the activities of the MDH IRB



## New Website

The IAC can be found on the MDH website at <https://health.maryland.gov/iac>. On this page you will find information on IAC units: Compliance, Privacy and HIPAA, and the IRB, plus reporting forms for Secondary Disclosure, HIPAA and privacy issues, and MDH employee misconduct and other issues.

Stay tuned for additional website updates!

## Questions about the OIG?

In May 2021, the Maryland General Assembly approved HB 393 and SB 12, which established the Maryland OIG for Health as an independent unit of the State rather than an MDH unit.

The OIG will:

- STILL have access to the MDH's IT, Budget, Human Resources, Police, Procurement, and Support Services.
- STILL maintain a physical location within the Department.
- NOW have an Inspector General that is appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer, and confirmed by the Senate.

For more information about the OIG, contact:

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## When should I contact the IAC?

The IAC is the office to contact regarding the following:

- HIPAA or privacy issues
- Compliance with laws, regulations, or policies
- Secondary employment/financial disclosure
- Employee conduct issues (IAC works with OHR)
- Audits conducted by OLA, HHS, and other external agencies
- Institutional Review Board
- Records management

